



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH, KENDAL

Also serving Sedbergh

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

Today's Readings: Forgive us our trespasses...

Peter thinks he is being generous when he asks Jesus whether he should forgive someone seven times. Jesus answers, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." In other words: stop counting. That sounds easy until we actually have someone to forgive! Sirach gives us a wonderful image: "Anger and wrath, these are abominations will hold them fast." We can hug our anger, keeping alive the memory of what somebody said or did. Jesus tells the story of a servant whose enormous, impossible debt is completely forgiven. Yet the moment he leaves his master's house, he meets someone who owes him far less and refuses to show the mercy he has just received. That is the uncomfortable part of the Gospel for us. We come to Mass acknowledging our sins and asking God for mercy. We receive forgiveness inside the Master's house. The question is what happens when we go outside and meet the people who owe us something. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that we have not been hurt. Sometimes boundaries are necessary. But it does mean loosening our grip on the debt. For we belong to Christ, and God's mercy towards us is always greater than the mercy he asks us to show.

...as we forgive those who trespass against us!



CHILDREN'S ROSARY: First Sundays at 9:15am in the parish centre. The Rosary is for children of all ages but they need to be accompanied by an adult. It is a very relaxed and gentle way for our children to learn more about Our Lady and Jesus and the gift of the Rosary. All welcome.

DAY RETREAT: On Saturday 10th October there will be a Day's Retreat open to all in the parish centre. October is the month of Mission and Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp Spiritan Missionary priest with over 40 years of missionary and academic experience will speak about Missionary Discipleship. Fr Eamonn has served across Africa and the UK. Fr Eamonn has spent decades lecturing in Systematic Theology and leading international retreats.

Exact timings to be confirmed - input in the morning followed by break for lunch and second input in the afternoon. All are welcome to come for the whole day or just one of the two sessions. The day is free to attend, however if you wish to a suggested donation of £25 for the day or £15 for morning or afternoon would be welcomed. Joining the day is what is important and donations will be given as an offering for work of the Spiritans and shared with Youth Presence for their important ministry here in Kendal.

Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are interested. Thank you.

SEASON OF CREATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Pope Francis established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The theme that Pope Leo XIV has chosen for 2026 is taken from Isaiah 2:4.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks

ISAIAH 2:4

The Holy Father highlights the links between armed conflict, environmental destruction, and human suffering. War, he argues, creates "a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts."

To break this cycle, the Pontiff suggests that authentic ecological conversion and a peaceful world demand that we "renew our hearts." This inner transformation allows new possibilities to be opened.

"What has been used for destruction," he reflects, "can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation."

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER for 24th Sunday: "Let us pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. Lord hear us."

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS beginning 18th September, 12.30 – 1.15pm with Chris Totney. Kendal Parish Church, free admission, donations welcome towards Organ Restoration Fund. See poster for all dates.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun 13 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Janice Theresa Keyes RIP
Mon 14 th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 10.00 am:
Tues 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows 12.00 noon: Joan Ward (get well soon)
Wed 16 th	Sts Cornelius 12.00 noon: Maria Rose RIP (anniversary)
Thurs 17 th	St Hildegarde of Bingen 12.00 noon: 2.15 pm: Funeral Service for Lilian Akrigg
Fri 18 th	Friday of week 24 12.00 noon:
Sat 19 th	Saturday of week 24 9.30 am: Mass 10 – 11am: Confessions:and Adoration
Sun 20 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Kathleen Bell RIP COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSIONS

**TO WATCH THE 10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM GOOGLE KENDAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
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KIRKBY LONSDALE: Masses at 5.30pm weekday on Thursdays and weekend Saturday Vigil. Confessions available on request.

Rosary prayed every Tuesday at 4.30pm.

GUIDED HOLY HOUR for World Peace - every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am with tea and cakes at 11am. All welcome.

Childrens Liturgy Sundays at 10am in term-time.
Prayer Ministry & Coffee after Sunday 10am Mass.
Prayer Meetings Wednesdays at 1.15pm.
Cenacolo Prayers in Oratory 6pm Thursdays.
Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church 3pm Fridays.

ROTAS:

CLEANERS: Etain Gibson, Pilar Valera, Barbara Shaw (w/c 14th)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Chris D'Arcy & Chris Bagge (20th September)
COFFEE: SVP (20th September)
COUNTERS: Faith Billington & Deborah Carey (w/c 20th September)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Lilian Akrigg.

THE SICK: Jamie Banks Wallhead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Edward Sykes, Sylvia Chambers, Christopher Brown, Sandra Jones, Teresa Harbatch, Olimpia McAvoy, Christine Ellwood, Maria Parrott, Moira Ferguson, Diane Dixon, Elizabeth Cartmell, Maureen Dundon, Janet Merrett, Sylvia Pope, Dorothy Watts.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Donegan, Timothy McCarthy, Christine Williams, Barbara Harris, Rose Ann Leonard, Graham Butcher, Fr. T. Candlish, Angela Barrett, Bridget Macaulay, Julianne Addy, Mary Riley, Annie Shackleton, Michael Finch, Alexandra May Riley, Sarah Cookson, Charles Nicholson, Howard Selby.

PARISH PRIESTS: Canon Hugh Pollock VG and Fr Simon Marley.

DEACON: Reverend George Bissett

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